

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line
28 as follows:

Fig. 1 is a chart showing the time course of
the ultraviolet absorption (260 nm) of a naturally
occurring oligonucleotide (SEQ ID NO:10) decomposed with
an exonuclease; and

Fig. 2 is a chart showing the time course of
the ultraviolet absorption (260 nm) of an oligonucleotide
of the present invention (X2) (SEQ ID NO:11) decomposed
with an exonuclease.